

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**MARCH 5, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Pavey asked Chief Tucker to give the report from the traffic committee. Tucker said they reviewed the following 3 issues.
  - a) Brad Hatfield had voiced a concern regarding truck traffic north behind Dairy Queen. He said it was causing damage to the streets. Semis were also parking in the area causing problems. Signs were put up that semi-trucks were not allowed. We may need to also consider no parking on Marble Falls Street. Bridges said the streets in the apartment complex are not dedicated streets. Therefore the signage is not enforceable. Tucker will check with the property owner regarding a written agreement.
  - b) 3<sup>rd</sup> and Arthur parking. The curb was not painted when 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was done. The Street Department has painted the curb. This seems to have alleviated the problem
  - c) Crosswalk at Little Stars. There was an issue with a bus picking up a handicapped student. The school has handled the issue.
2. The state Chamber of Commerce magazine printed an article featuring our interns.
3. Union Savings & Loan will be opening a branch in town.
4. Met with the Cupp family regarding property owned by the City that is actually the Cupp's back yard.

5. We continue working with DLZ on the levee recertification. We have 4 items left on the check list. These should be done by the end of April. We have talked to Mr. Easley and he agreed to allow us on his property to make repairs. Next Thursday the Army Corp will do their annual review.
6. Kudos to the City Utilities for their help with the use of their video equipment to find where the penetrations were and allow us to caulk joints in the retaining wall.
7. Met with Chief Jenkins and Rachel Clark on the ambulance transfer.
8. We were contacted by SPIA through Aim. They would like to use us as a beta group to show how we are doing things.
9. Attended the soil conservation annual meeting.
10. We had the farm sale closing last Friday.
11. Went to the Trane plant promo today. Their units will be used in the new jail.
12. We are setting up a meeting with Duke regarding phase 1 lighting south of the river.
13. Will meet tomorrow with the Workforce Development.
14. Councilman Bridges, Clerk-Treasurer Copley and I will meet tomorrow with Warden Cottrell to discuss items regarding the animal shelter.
15. Will be speaking at 4 JAG classes at the high school.
16. There will be an animal shelter jurisdiction and procedures meeting with Carthage next week.
17. We will take part in the county ag zoning.
18. Dedication of City Center will be April 4.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We are wrapping up the Main Street Streetscape project.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** - Construction on Ivy Tech has begun.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Nothing.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Last week Joe Peacock had a ground breaking ceremony.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Commissioner Miller reported that they have put new stop lights in at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Perkins. They will also be replacing those at 1<sup>st</sup> and Morgan and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Morgan when the weather warms up.

They will also be cutting trees back off of the levee

**Police** – Chief Tucker said golf cart registration will be March 15 – April 1. He said he also discovered that the dates for registration in the ordinance are incorrect and asked Council to revisit this after this registration period is over. We may want to consider amending the registration dates.

**Animal** – Warden Cottrell said on Saturday morning there were no dogs at the shelter. Yesterday they connected with South Bend animal control and took 8 of their dogs. They currently have 2 cats at the shelter. They are encouraging people to trap cats before they become an issue. They are also pushing spay and neutering.

**Park** – Park Director Burklow informed Council that he was given permission by the Board of Works to advertise to replace an employee.

He is obtaining quotes for CJD Park.

They are preparing to hire pool employees.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins reported that they have taken one of the ambulances for graphics.

They applied for RSE grant for purchase of a larger drone. It would be capable of carrying an infra-red camera.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Animal Control Ordinances** – A rough copy was sent to Council for review. Mayor Pavey asked to have any comments for our next meeting.
2. **Ordinance 2019-1 Amending Salary Ordinance MVH Crew Leader** – Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2019-1. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Fire/Rescue Transfer Truck** – Chief Jenkins handed out a report showing the activity for the 126 days in service. They have spent over \$32,924.00 on personnel only. 22 calls were received; 10 calls were taken; 4 were out of the county; 12 of the calls were not taken. The reason for not taking the calls is listed on the report. It averages a cost of approximately \$261 per day. We are not using full time employees. Council said they would like to know how many actual transfers went out of the hospital in the 126 days.

Jenkins said we cannot get an answer to that question. The County has also asked and didn't get a reply. Councilman Smith said he would like to try to get a contract put together if the hospital will agree. He said since Councilman Conner has a good working relationship with the hospital and the CEO and has previously discussed the matter with them if he would consider discussing this with the hospital to see if there was any interest in entering into a contract. Berkemeier said back in October when we started transfers we were to be the first called. Jenkins said transfers are NOT part of our contract. Berkemeier said the Commissioners asked us to give it until the end of February to see if there were any changes, but nothing has taken place. Smith made a motion to continue transfers for another 2 weeks to give Councilman Conner time to speak with Brad Smith and try to work out a contract. Conner seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Copley asked for a roll call vote, which was as follows:

Smith – aye  
Conner= aye  
Bridges – nay  
Cameron - nay  
Berkemeier – nay

The motion did not pass.

Chief Jenkins recommended keeping the part time medics and ALS personnel. Smith made a motion to proceed with Jenkins' recommendation to terminate the transfer program, and to keep the part-time ALS personnel on staff. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Conner voting "nay".

4. **Street Lights South of Town Phase 1** – Pavey will set up a time to meet with Duke. He will report back to Council.
5. **Fire/Rescue Boat Replacement** – Chief Jenkins has checked out an inflatable boat at Greenfield. He plans to speak with the EMA Director regarding a partnership for the purchase. He is also waiting on other quotes.

*Berkemeier left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

6. **Henderson Road Farm Lease (35.774 ac)** – The request for bids has been advertised. We will open bids on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Transfer Resolution 2019-6 Police Department** – Bridges moved to approve Transfer Resolution 2019-6. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Authorizing Resolution Accept Bids 335 W 4<sup>th</sup>** – Newhouse said we would like to try to sell to the adjacent land owner. The value is \$4,800.00. The property is the eastern

most lot of old grain bin. Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2019-7. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING BUSINESS:**

1. **Utility Packet** – Councilman Cameron is reviewing the contract.
2. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Abatement Program** – Councilman Berkemeier should have a recommendation to us in April.

**CLAIMS AND MONTHLY JANUARY BANK RECONCILEMENT** – Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented and the January 2019 bank reconciliation. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.